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SUBJECT: TERRORISM: THREAT TO FORCE RELEASE OF TERRORIST
PRISONERS

REF: BEIRUT 14538 (BEING REPEATED TO LONDON, KHARTOUM,
PARIS)

1. REFTEL QUOTES UNIDENTIFIED TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AS
ALLEGING TO BE BEHIND ROME AIRPORT ATROCITY AND AS THREATEN-
ING THOSE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HOLD FEDAYEEN IN*THEIR
PR*SONS. SAME ORGANIZATION SAYS: "WE TAKE THIS OCCASION
TO GIVE FINAL WARNING TO ALL EUROPEAN STATES WHICH STILL
*OLD FEDAYEEN IN THEIR PRISONS TO FREE THEM BEFORE END OF
THIS MONTH. OTHERWISE, THEIR INSTITUTIONS AND PUBLIC
GATHERINGS WILL BE CONSIDERED HOSTILE AND AS TARGETS FOR
STRIKES BY OUR REVOLUTIONARY HEROES." FOR GOOD MEASURE,
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SAME GROUP ADDS FOR USG: "WE SHALL FULFILL PLEDGE MADE TO

OUR NATION TO PURSUE YOU, GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE, EVERYWHERE
AND AT ALL TIMES, AND STRIKE AND CRUSH YOU."

2. DEPT., LIKE EMBASSY BEIRUT, HAS NO REASON TO DOUBT
AUTHENTICITY OF THREAT. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE PRUDENT
TO MAINTAIN VIGILANCE WHICH WE KNOW HAS BEEN WATCHWORD IN
ADDRESSEE POSTS FOR SOME TIME. ABOVE MATERIAL MAY BE USED
AS POSTS SEE FIT IF FURTHER CONSULTATION WITH HOST GOVERN-
MENT IS DEEMED ADVISABLE.

3. AS OF DECEMBER 19, TO BEST OF CIA'S AND DEPARTMENT'S
KNOWLEDGE, FEDAYEEN TERRORISTS WERE BEING DETAINED IN
FOLLOWING COUNTRIES, WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD BE SPECIAL
TARGETS IF ABOVE THREAT IS NOT A BLUFF: FRANCE, GREECE,
ITALY, SUDAN, UK, AND WEST GERMANY. LIBYA AND LEBANON MAY
ALSO BE HOLDING SIMILAR PRISONERS. KISSINGER
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